



CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

MISSIONARY

Dorothy
LOUISE
JONES

SUNRISE
SEPTEMBER 11, 1932

SUNSET
NOVEMBER 13, 2023

"LET'S HAVE CHURCH"

"I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH: HENCEFORTH
THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD,
THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, SHALL GIVE ME AT THAT DAY."

2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8



FAITH. FAMILY. COMMUNITY.

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HOME GOING CELEBRATION

Friday, December 1, 2023

Ten o'clock in the Morning

Victory In Praise Church

2029 E. Harding Way, Stockton, CA 95205

Bishop Rufus Turner, Host Pastor

Pastor Itasker Hollins Jr.

All Nations C.O.G.I.C., Sacramento, CA

Memorial Service Officiant

Bishop Broderick Huggins

Simply Church House of Prayer, Oxnard, CA

Officiating Pastor



Order of Celebration Service

“LET’S HAVE CHURCH”

Musical Prelude *Maestro Marcus Hodge*

Processional *Clergy and Family*

Invocation..... *Pastor Terry Saffold*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament *Pastor Levon Davis*

New Testament *Pastor Tony June*

Celebration Medley *Elder Duane Johnson*

Dorothy's Children

Sermonic Selection *Mother Glendean Edmond, Golden Girl*

Civic Tribute *Mayor Kevin J. Lincoln II*

Words of Expression *Bobby Bivens, President of Stockton Branch NAACP*

Michael Duffy, Chief Advocacy Officer, Valley Strong Credit Union

Patsy Gibson, Missionary Greater White Rose COGIC

Sermonic Selection *Lady Cozetta Easter*

Reading of Obituary and Acknowledgements *Demitra Lee*

Video Presentation..... *Jones Family Tribute*

Usher Presentation *California Northwest State Usher Board*
President, Lawanna Coilton

Clergy Representation and Introduction of Speaker..... *Bishop Nathaniel Bullock*
California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Eulogy *Bishop Broderick Huggins*
Simply Church House of Prayer, Oxnard, CA

Closing Prayer *Pastor Kenneth Burford*

Recessional

Internment

Stockton Rural Cemetery 1:00 pm
2350 Cemetery Ln, Stockton, CA 95204



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A DISTINGUISHED TRAILBLAZER

Missionary Dorothy Louise Jones was born September 11, 1932, in Dallas, Texas, to Pastor Booker T. Hollins, Sr. and Missionary Viola Hollins. Dorothy, one of seventeen siblings, moved with her family to Chico, California, and later settled in Stockton, California, where she received her formal education.

The Hollins family attended Church Number One Church of God in Christ, and this connection shaped her dedication to the usher board. Outside of church, she honed her management skills from a young age, starting work as a cashier at 12. Her passion for community service led her to join the N.A.A.C.P. at 17, eventually becoming the youngest President at the Sierra Vista Community Center at 19.

At Church Number One, she met and married the late Charlie Jones, Sr., and of this thirty-one-year union, their nine children were born. Despite the demands of motherhood, she remained an active mother, church member, employee, and community activist, embodying the belief that, with God, all things are possible.

In the early 1960s, Dorothy became a catalyst for positive change in Southeast Stockton, an often underdeveloped and underserved community. She advocated for many resources and services and was the driving force behind the Southeast Stockton Library, Southeast Stockton Post Office, and Southeast Stockton sidewalks. She became the Director of the Southeast Neighborhood Center and a community liaison to bridge gaps in communication between the police and its residents.

Dorothy founded S.U.C.C.E.S.S., an anti-drug organization for children, and co-founded the Black League of Voters to register youthful voters. She advocated for a neighborhood park and the naming of said park after her then Pastor and Founder of the White Rose C.O.G.I.C., Reverend W.D. Peterson – Peterson Park. She also advocated for another neighborhood library, resulting in the Maya Angelou Southeast Branch Library.

A member of 12 community organizations, Dorothy served as a faithful member and leader of the Greater White Rose Church of God in Christ for over 70 years under the late Reverend W.D. Peterson, the late Superintendent W.M. Peterson, and the current Pastor, Bishop Nathaniel Bullock. She dedicated an impressive 74 years of her life to faithfully serving as an usher, starting her journey at six and continuing until her retirement in 2012. Dorothy served at the local, Jurisdictional, and National levels. She was a Greater White Rose Board Member, President of the Missionary Department, Greater White Rose Usher Board President, California Northwest State Usher Board President, International Senior Floor Captain, and Area Coordinator for the Church of God In Christ.

As a resident of Stockton for more than 75 years, Dorothy's impact extended beyond her professional and local community achievements. Former State Assemblyman wrote, "For you to give over 30 years of your life for the betterment of your community, without pay, is one of the most outstanding personal achievements I have ever come across." The Stockton Record described her as "a tower of spiritual strength and a bundle of temporal energy in South Stockton."



Much of Dorothy's community involvement includes President of the P.T.A, First President of the Southeast Stockton Advisory Board, President of the Knight's Addition Association, Neighborhood Watch Captain, Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, President of the A. Philips Randolph Institute, Director of Gemini, Inc., Boys and Girls Club of Stockton Member of the Board, Status of Women Commissioner, Leadership Stockton, Women in the N.A.A.C.P. (W.I.N.), Founder of S.U.C.C.E.S.S., HARAMBEE Learning Center, D.A.R.E Organization Member, Financial Center Credit Union Board Member, and a member of the LINKS Crew Inc., just to name a few.

Although her unselfish sacrifices were sometimes met with strong opposition and adversity, Dorothy's bold faith allowed her to work in these capacities, knowing that she and God made the majority.

Her contributions earned her several certificates, awards, and recognition for 75 years of faithful service. In 1986, San Joaquin County Bar Association members presented her with their Liberty Bell Award for promoting freedom under law. In 2007, she was also awarded the Rosa Parks Award of Excellence by the NAACP in appreciation of her community leadership toward the betterment of civil rights.

Her civic devotion resulted in naming a new community center in her honor. The community she worked so hard to improve showed her one of the highest regard one can receive. In 2007, The Dorothy L. Jones Community & Health Center, a \$4.5 million, 7,000-square-foot center, opened its doors. Funded by the Strong Neighborhood Initiative and operated by the Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin, it provides tools, resources, and connections through partnerships to help families improve their quality of life. A gymnasium was added in 2009.

Dorothy Jones was a loyal Stocktonian, a faithful Greater White Rose Church member, a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and a profound woman of faith. She is admired, respected, and treasured by all who experience her heart, wit, and wisdom.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Pastor Booker T. Hollins, Sr., and District Missionary Viola Hollins. Son, Maurice Jones. Daughter and son-in-law Kelly Jones and Richard Rigmaden, Sr. Grandchildren Charles Leon Jones, Jr., Lavonne Jones, Brandon Williams-Jones, and great-grandchild Rikayla Rigmaden. Sisters: Ruth Esther, Leola Faye, Dorothy Faye, Ruby Jewel Moore, Lorine Hubert, Goldie Graham, Lisbon Cordier (Geroge) and Dora Collins. Brothers: Sandford Hollins, Booker T. Hollins, Jr., Charles Hollins (Fannie), and Pastor, Superintendent, Administrative Assistant Itasker Hollins, Sr.

Dorothy leaves to cherish sons: Charles Leon Jones, Sr. (Sandra), Charlie Jones, Jr., and Cletus Thomas Jones. Daughters: Carol Marie Littlejohn (Jerry), Lorice Rigmaden, Geraldine Louise Eastland, Gwendolynn Overton (Darren) and Brendolynn Jones. Siblings John Hollins (Jeri), Mary Pruitt and Jackie Lee (Eddie). In-laws George Graham and Julia Hollins.

She also leaves to cherish her beloved 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren, and "son" Michael Duffy (Gia) – a host of nieces, nephews, loved ones, friends, and spiritual daughters.



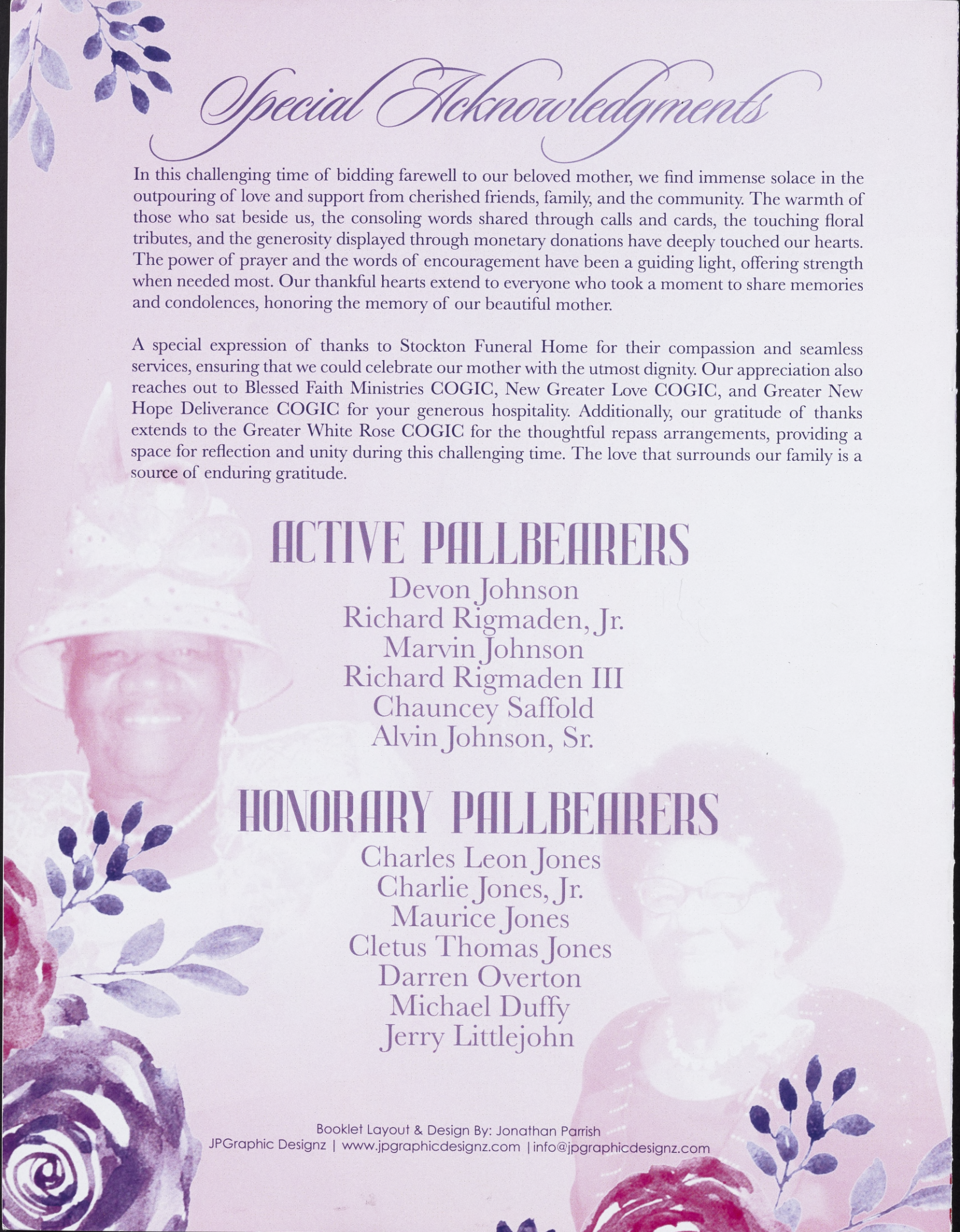


THE REIGN OF AN ANGEL

She floated away peacefully on a cloud. There was silence as we ached out loud. Ninety-One Years! We were blessed with a gem. Her passing conceived through Him and only Him. A pillar of Faith she instilled in all that she touched A Soldier of God and to her city But mainly, she was a Soldier that strengthened our family. The Queen of the South. She brought reality to dreams. Let me tell you all that embodies this Queen. She was Grandma. The kind people wish they had. She made us "pick our switch" when we were bad. I'm going to miss her smile and the way she talked. It was a whole vibe, the way that she walked. With burning tears, I wish she was here. Revelation 27 says He'll wipe away every tear. And there will be no more pain or death. Anointed you were when you took Your last breath. God, how can we live this life without her? Only by God, The Holy Comforter. To describe Grandma, I'd need a symphony. With notes of color visibly seen. I feel like my emotions have been swept away. In a vigorous current... But a smile comes across my face when He said, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." We promise to continue your legacy by doing God's work against sin. Through His mercy and grace- we'll see you again.

By, Kwanna Littlejohn, aka The PenSlayer





Special Acknowledgments

In this challenging time of bidding farewell to our beloved mother, we find immense solace in the outpouring of love and support from cherished friends, family, and the community. The warmth of those who sat beside us, the consoling words shared through calls and cards, the touching floral tributes, and the generosity displayed through monetary donations have deeply touched our hearts. The power of prayer and the words of encouragement have been a guiding light, offering strength when needed most. Our thankful hearts extend to everyone who took a moment to share memories and condolences, honoring the memory of our beautiful mother.

A special expression of thanks to Stockton Funeral Home for their compassion and seamless services, ensuring that we could celebrate our mother with the utmost dignity. Our appreciation also reaches out to Blessed Faith Ministries COGIC, New Greater Love COGIC, and Greater New Hope Deliverance COGIC for your generous hospitality. Additionally, our gratitude of thanks extends to the Greater White Rose COGIC for the thoughtful repass arrangements, providing a space for reflection and unity during this challenging time. The love that surrounds our family is a source of enduring gratitude.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Devon Johnson
Richard Rigmaden, Jr.
Marvin Johnson
Richard Rigmaden III
Chauncey Saffold
Alvin Johnson, Sr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Charles Leon Jones
Charlie Jones, Jr.
Maurice Jones
Cletus Thomas Jones
Darren Overton
Michael Duffy
Jerry Littlejohn